Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is regarding the appointment of the present Reserve Inspector.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There was no such order.

President.—If there was no such order, you could have stated so. You ought not have found fault with the question.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There were no such emergency orders with regard to the appointment of the present Reserve Inspector.

President.—It was your duty to furnish that particular order from the several orders.

Mr A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There was no emergency order relating to the appointment of the Reserve Inspector.

President.—Probably, you framed an order from the numerous orders.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The question is intelligible to us.

A circular preventing the use of unhealthy elephants for festivals.

148. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there has been a circular authorising the Sub-Inspectors of Police to prevent the use of unhealthy elephants for festivals in their jurisdiction, and if so, the date of the circular;

(b) whether any action was taken by the responsible authorities to prevent use of unhealthy and unruly tuskers during the Trichur Pooram;

(c) whether they are aware of the accident occasioned by the use of such elephants during the last Pooram festival, and if so, the nature of the accidents, fatal and otherwise;

(d) whether they will prohibit hereafter the use of such elephants so glaringly sick during festivals?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The District Magistrate has issued circulars in the matter to the Sub-Magistrates.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a).

(c) Yes. 6 persons received slight injuries and one died.

(d) Necessary steps will be taken in future as in the past to prevent the use of unruly elephants during festivals.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether any action was taken or whether the matter ended by the issue of the circular.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—When we issue orders, we presume that they will be carried out.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then how was it that accidents occurred during the Trichur Pooram?

President.—Do you mean the accidents caused by the elephant Changroth Gopalan? Nobody expected that he would run like that.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—If accidents occur without our knowledge, we cannot help it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So many saw the elephant running.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We cannot say when an elephant will get wiid and run.

President.—I asked why such an elephant was made use of, and I was told that the animal was an innocent one, and has not done any mischief in the past. There was enough o trouble by the animal after the Trichur Pooram also.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—There was no sign whatever to show that it was sick.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I saw the elephant during daytime on the Pooram day. There was no flow at all.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There were 15 or 20 people armed with sticks standing round the elephant, and everybody expected that the elephant would run.

President.—We had enough of trouble caused by this elephant after the Trichur Pooram, and I understand the Commissioner of Police was armed with his rifle to shoot the animal down, the moment it broke the chain.

The medical inspection of schools.

149. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a consolidated result of the medical examination of schools, carried out during the year 1100, specially with reference to the following points:—

(1) what disease was most common
  (a) among boys,
  (b) amongst girls,
with reference to each school?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Statements containing the information required are appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In page 17, appendix 2, it is stated anaemia, hook-worm disease, Mulanturuttu, 26·50, and Narakkal 33·75. Was any action taken to check the disease? I want to know what action the department has taken to check the disease and to bring it down. It is found that anaemia is the chief complaint.

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